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An Amendment Response was telefaxed to the United States Patent Office on December 20, 2005 together with 10 sheets of replacement drawings.

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